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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Williams A. et al.

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Title: Method and computer software  
Product for alignment and assessment  
of the transcriptome

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT/ RESPONSE**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Applicants respectfully petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.